**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**
**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.832 OF 2004

Mr.James Thomas Godwin ... Petitioner
V/s
Shri.Vilas Chandanshive, Sr.Inspector, Mahim Police Station, Mumbai & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr.Prakash Naik for the Petitioner.
Mr.D.S.Mhaispurkar, APP for the State.

**CORAM: H.L.GOKHALE &**
**S.RADHAKRISHNAN, JJ.**
**DATE : 31.8.2004.**

**P.C.:**

1. Heard the learned Advocate Mr.Naik in support of this petition and the learned APP Mr.Mhaispurkar appearing for the Respondents. Petitioner is a brother of Ms.Violet Thomas Godwin who is stated to be missing from 15.12.2002. Ms.Violet is aged about 38 years. Petitioner had filed one petition earlier and he is not happy with the investigation being carried on by the Mahim Police Station. Affidavit in reply has been filed to which the rejoinder has also been filed. It has been explained that the steps, whatever necessary, have been taken to search Ms.Violet, but unfortunately the search is not successful.

2. Prima-facie we do find that necessary efforts are being made by the police. In a case like this, it is not that easy to find a person of a senior age. We understand the anxiety of the petitioner-brother who is keen that his sister should be traced. For that purpose

we grant prayer clause clause (a) of the petition, that

(2)

the investigation in respect of complaint of the petitioner be transferred to the State C.I.D. This is only with a view to see to it that the petitioner should not feel dis-heartened and that every effort by a better agency should also be made. Petitioner may follow the matter with the concerned officers of the State C.I.D. and in the event he is aggrieved or there is any reason as such, he may take appropriate steps according to law.

3. We do not think that there is any reason to keep the petition alive. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(H.L.GOKHALE,J.)**

**(S.RADHAKRISHNAN,J.)**